

Senate Resolution 24 - Introduced

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1 1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. ____
1 2 BY COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION
1 3 A Resolution to welcome the President of the United
1 4 States to the State of Iowa as part of the 2009
1 5 celebration of Earth Day.
1 6 WHEREAS, April 22, 2009, marks two important events
1 7 in Iowa, Earth Day 2009 and a visit by the President
1 8 of the United States; and
1 9 WHEREAS, for almost 40 years April 22 has been
1 10 recognized as a day to draw attention to environmental
1 11 issues, from recycling efforts in our communities to
1 12 the worldwide threat of global warming; and
1 13 WHEREAS, Iowans have long been at the forefront of
1 14 Earth Day efforts, restoring wetlands and long-lost
1 15 prairies, protecting water resources, and curbing
1 16 pollution; and
1 17 WHEREAS, Iowa is now a pioneer in its efforts to
1 18 develop and promote clean, wind-powered electric
1 19 generation, with Iowa now ranked second in the nation
1 20 in total wind energy production, producing 11 percent
1 21 of the nation's wind energy; and
1 22 WHEREAS, these efforts are the result of carefully
1 23 crafted bipartisan policies to encourage wind energy
1 24 production and use, even now lawmakers have approved
1 25 legislation that will encourage the production of more
1 26 wind energy through the use of existing production tax
1 27 credits; and
1 28 WHEREAS, the growth in wind energy plays an
1 29 important role in rebuilding the nation's economy by
1 30 creating jobs related to the construction of wind
2 1 farms and the manufacturing and repair of the turbines
2 2 that are used in those wind farms; and
2 3 WHEREAS, initiatives to encourage the production of
2 4 alternative, Iowa-grown energy strengthen national
2 5 security by reducing our dependence on foreign oil;
2 6 and
2 7 WHEREAS, Iowa's efforts parallel the President's
2 8 own dedication to an energy policy that includes
2 9 promoting clean energy, creating millions of new jobs,
2 10 and addressing climate change; NOW THEREFORE,
2 11 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate on
2 12 behalf of all Iowans welcomes the President of the
2 13 United States to Iowa, the heartland of our great
2 14 nation, and joins with him in the 2009 celebration of
2 15 Earth Day.
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